

MARKSMAN TONY GETS THAT RECORD

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Wycombe Wanderers 6, Wokingham Town 0.

TONY HORSEMAN set a new record on Tuesday, when he became the first Wycombe Wanderers' player to score 50 goals for the club by February. He got his half-century after 29 minutes of the match with Wokingham Town, in the Wycombe Floodlight Cup, when inside-right Viv Busby gave him a gift pass which he slashed home in devastating style.

Busby's was only one of the many efforts which were made by every other member of the Wanderers' team to help Tony achieve his aim. In fact the opening stages of the game were considerably slowed up by everyone's insistence that Tony should take the first goal.

The Wanderers looked lethargic as they tried to engineer every move to suit Horseman, and their deliberations often led them into difficulties. Back-passes were muffed and chances wasted and John Maskell was called upon more than once to foil a Wokingham attack built up through the Wanderers' mistakes.

But after the bridge had been crossed and the applause for Horseman's 50th goal had died down, the Wanderers settled nicely and played the sort of football that oozes confidence and says to the opponents: "Watch it!"

GOAL SPREE

And watch it was about all that Wokingham could do. Their defence was slack and almost powerless against the thrilling attacks the Wanderers built up.

The half-backs, Baker, Samuels and Faulkner, can take the credit for that. Baker played a "blinder" and although Samuels did not look quite at home in the half-back line, he played his normal, steady sort of game. Faulkner, too, looked good and these three boys between them contributed the steadying influence on a forward line which could have got heady on the goal-spree.

A good move by Baker, carried on by Paul Bates, and finished by Tony Horseman, resulted in Wycombe's second goal in the 37th minute and Samuels was on hand to slam home a Merrick cross and make it three-nil soon afterwards.

Wokingham's forward line tried hard to make amends for the performance of its defence. Inside-right Dave Black, centre-forward Peter Hearmon and left-winger Barry Sargeant gave Wycombe's keeper, John Maskell, one or two anxious moments, but were never allowed to gain the space and time which their opponents had to build up attacks.

ONE-SIDED

The second-half was even more one-sided. Paul Bates moved from centre-forward onto the left-wing, because the injury he sustained a few weeks ago was giving him some trouble, and Merrick moved inside. Bates soon proved his nuisance value on the wing with a cross that found Viv Busby ready to put the ball neatly onto Horseman's forehead.

Horseman made no mistake with the header which had the Wokingham keeper, Derek Sparkes, beaten all the way. Five minutes later Wokingham's centre-half, Ray Croxford handled the ball. Samuels rushed up to take the kick and Horseman was on hand, again, to score.

Wokingham sensed that there was little they could do to stem the flood, but after Merrick had been brought down by Robbins in the penalty area, they had a bit of luck when Horseman's penalty, which was rather a tame one by his standards, was neatly saved.

It was Robbins again who gave away Wokingham's second penalty. Merrick was involved in the tumble of arms and legs which resulted in Bates, who took it with his left foot, converting the spot-kick.

Wokingham's centre-half, Croxford, went off for the last ten minutes and his place was taken by ex-Wycombe player, Dave Phillips. But the infusion of new blood was not in sufficient quantity and quality to help the visitors pull back on any score.